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MEMORANDUM

TO: National Food and Agricultural Council
State Food and Agricultural Councils

FROM: Richard E. Reminger
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SUBJECT: Rotation of the Chairmanship of the Food and Agricultural Councils
and Outreach Councils

This year, as in past years, the Chairmanship of USDA's National, State and Local Food and Agricultural Councils (FAC) will rotate. First, I want to extend my congratulations and sincere thanks to Deputy Under Secretary for Rural Development, Inga Smulkstys, for her leadership as Chairman of the National FAC this past year, and to the State and Local FAC Chairmen.

For Calendar year 2000 the Chief of the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Pearlie Reed, will serve as Chairman of the National FAC. The State Conservationists of NRCS will serve as State FAC Chairmen and the District Conservationists in Local Service Centers will serve as Local FAC Chairmen.

The Chairmanship of the National and State Outreach Councils will also rotate. The incoming chairman of the FAC is designated to serve as chairman of the Outreach Council. For Calendar year 2000 the Administrator of the Farm Service Agency (FSA), Keith Kelly, will serve as Chairman of the National Outreach Council. The FSA State Executive Directors will serve as Chairmen of the State Outreach Councils.

As we enter the 21st Century we must continue to vigorously pursue our goal of efficient and effective service delivery through our USDA Service Centers.

Happy New Year!

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